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Those who are indebted to the Publishing House, please give your account your best consideration. It is now time to send out statements again, it being our custom to send them out at the beginning of each

quarter. It is very necessary that your account be taken care of for the best interest of all concerned.

GOD'S WORD

Beulah M. Bowden

"READ" it (Rev. 1:3); "receive" it "with all readiness of mind" (Acts 17:11); "believe" it (Luke 24:25; Mark 1:15); "desire" it (1 Peter 2:2); "obey" it (James 1:22; Rev. 22:14; John 14:23); "study" it (2 Tim. 2:15); "search" it (John 5:39) "daily" (Acts 17:11); "meditate" on it (Josh. 1:8); "love" it "above gold" (Ps. 119:127); "delight" in it (Ps. 119:174); "teach" it to your children (Deut. 6:7).

It is your spiritual Food (1 Peter 2:2); it is a Lamp unto your feet (Ps. 119:105); it is the Sword by which you shall become victor in your spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:17).

—Gospel Herald.

Church of God.—C. H. Standifer, Overseer of Indiana.

Mrs. Grace Miller of Gastonia, N. C. would like to know the whereabouts of Mrs. Ethel Roberts, her sister, last heard from in Toledo, Ohio. Any one knowing her whereabouts please write me.—Mrs. Grace Miller, Gastonia, N. C.

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to notify all the churches in my district and other churches away from here that Bert Wooten and his wife, Minnie Wooten, are no longer members of the Church of God. As these members have given our ministers considerable trouble for the past six years, I feel it my duty to report this and ask our good people to beware of them as they are now excluded from the Church of God the second time.—J. E. Ledford, district overseer, Clayton, Ga., Rt. 2.

We would like to move close to a Church of God where we can rent a crop and get other work to do. We will consider any place where we can get work. Any one interested please write.—Kirk S. Loveless, Haleyville, Ala.

The Church of God at Faxon, Okla. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister M. B. Pratt. She and her husband came into the church here. Later he died and she has married again and we can't get in touch with her as we don't know her name since she married. If any one happens to know of her please report to the writer. If she doesn't report by the first of October her membership will be dropped. —Yours truly, Wm. Jumper, Faxon, Okla.

I am asking if anybody knows the whereabouts of a sister whose maiden name was Ida Thompson. She was last heard from in Jacksonville, Fla., on Feb. 7, 1927. If any one knows her present name and address, or if she still goes by the name of Ida Thompson please write her aunt, Mrs. Emory W. Trull, Rt. A, Odum, Ga. She is a member of the Church of God and her address when last we heard from her was Miss Ida Thompson, R.F.D. 5, Box 244 A, Jacksonville, Fla. in care of W. L. Meadows.

There will be all day meeting and dinner on the ground at Roanoke on the Hollins Rd. just four blocks off the Lynchburg highway. We especially invite every one who can possibly come. Brother L. L. Vaught will be here.—Charlie Poff, Roanoke, Va.

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NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the tremendous fall off in number of copies of the last edition of the Y. P. E. paper ordered out we have decided not to publish the paper again until we receive enough subscriptions to justify its publication. In the event we cannot secure them within the next sixty or ninety days we will refund the amount due subscribers for the unexpired term of their subscriptions. If we do continue to publish it, we will move the regular subscribers' subscription date forward to cover the number of all issues missed by failure of publication on the part of the house here.

We are asking the young people to have a subscription rally during the General Assembly and in the local churches immediately following or even before the General Assembly. If they are willing to put forth an effort it will be easy enough to secure 1500 or 2000 subscribers, however, if they do not, then the publication of the Y. P. E. paper must necessarily cease.—Editor.

SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to notify all Bishops of the Church of God that the Bishop's Council will meet at the Auditorium in Cleveland, Tenn. Friday morning, Oct. 6, at 8:30, in joint session with the twelve Counsellors. According to the Assembly all Bishops are counsellors and I am hereby giving legal notice that such matters as may come up for discussion in this body will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification for the blessings of the entire Church of God everywhere.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

If you are really filled with the Holy Ghost, stand foursquare for the Church of God, and are interested in working in a new field, write Troy Jones, Rt. 1, Box 57, McCrory, Ark.

If Sister Nora Hotchkiss is not heard from by next quarterly conference, she will be excluded from the church at Hot Springs, N. Mex.—W. H. Largin, clerk, Jal, N. Mex.

This is to notify that Calvin Stants is no longer a minister or member of the

SPECIAL NOTICE

All orders should reach us not later than September 26th to insure you receiving your Sunday School Literature by Sunday, October 1st. Write name and address plainly.

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The Beast and His Mark

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

INTRODUCTION

THE appearance of the insignia of the N.R.A. or the Blue Eagle has afforded occasion for great bewilderment and strange interpretations of what actually constitutes the Mark of the Beast. We herein hope to be able to at least partly clarify the minds of those who are confused over this matter. We are frank to admit the many difficulties which surround the subject, however, there are some salient points that yield to a lucid implication of what is or is not the actual Mark of the Beast. We must turn to the book of Daniel and of Revelation for help on this subject, which will afford ample ground for discussion and evidence of the characteristics of the Beast.

THE FOURTH WILD BEAST OF DANIEL

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things," Dan. 7:7-8. That the symbols and characteristics above mentioned are descriptive of Rome, all commentators are readily agreed. That the ten horns mentioned "are ten kings that shall arise" (Dan. 7:24) in latter times, all are further agreed. When Daniel had inquired for the meaning of the vision and concerning "the truth of the fourth beast" he was informed that the "fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth." That this is the Roman kingdom is certain as evidenced by the image of Dan. 2:31-43. Babylon was the first, Media-Persia the second, Greece the third, and Rome the fourth. Babylon was the "head of gold" (Dan. 2:38). Media-Persia was the "silver" or "inferior" kingdom which was

followed by "another third kingdom of brass" which was Greece, last of them all was the "iron and clay" which was indicative of Rome, Dan. 2:40-43. The ten toes of the image runs to the end of the Gentile times as shown to Nebuchadnezzar, however, there follows in the vision of the wild beasts, as shown to Daniel, a fuller revelation giving certain details not disclosed in the former vision to Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel saw a "little horn" come up among the "ten horns" of the fourth wild beast, which cannot be properly understood without the Revelation of John as described in chapter 13 and 17. Daniel beheld this "little horn" as it "made war with the saints," and prevailed against them until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom, Dan. 7:21-22. It therefore follows that Antichrist will arise from among the ten horns or kingdoms, into which the former Roman kingdom was divided, and that he will wage war against the saints until Christ comes to deliver them from his hand.

THE BEAST OF REV. 13

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet was as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his seat, and great authority." What John here beheld was a revival of features of the old Babylonian, Media-Persian and Grecian kingdoms blended together with the tyranny of the "dreadful and terrible" wild beast known as Rome. The above description is that of the rise of Antichrist, rising out of the "sea" or mass of mankind. His kingdom is a continuation of the former Satanic kingdoms which have preceded it, Eph. 6:12. John therefore tells us that this beast had seven heads, he further tells us in Rev. 17 that these heads are "seven mountains" and

that there are seven kings, five of which are (was) fallen and one is (Rome the sixth existing at the time of the vision) and that the other is not yet come; and when he cometh he must continue a short pace." It will readily be seen that the seventh and last head will be the worldwide kingdom of Antichrist which is a revival of the blasphemies and anti-religious kingdoms of the world. The Antichrist rises out of the territory formerly covered by ancient Rome, Dan. 7:7-8, and not out of the United States. Rome never controlled the United States nor to be frank she never will. Therefore, to expect a fulfillment of the scriptures with reference to Antichrist within the United States is unthinkable.

The prototype of the Antichrist was the rise of Antiochus Epiphanes to power, who is seen coming from the Grecian kingdom, mentioned in Dan. 8:23. The Antichrist is however in full view in the person of the "king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences." That this reference is to Antiochus is certain, but that it is also a graphic description of Antichrist who shall stand up in the time of the end against the Prince of princes (Christ) and who (Antichrist) shall be broken without hand is all the more certain. Dan. 8:25. Therefore, Antichrist will be fierce and understand dark sentences, the cloudy and dark things of how to manage world conditions will be all readily understandable by him. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power, he will have the force of arms on his side and all the diplomacy of world statesmen, and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and holy people. This no doubt refers to the last half of his reign. And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper, that is, he will rule by a scientific or skillful form of government. And he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many. The margin in the Oxford and Holman Bible says by "prosperity shall he destroy many." He will be skillful in his administration of

affairs; perhaps in his plans to supply the needs of the people he will destroy many like the Russians did when they killed off the children that were sickly by machine gun fire. Antichrist may find it easier to kill a few million than to undertake to feed and care for them.

TIME OF HIS DURATION

According to Dan. 8:25 and Rev. 13:5, Antichrist will only reign in his destructive world dominion for a period of forty-two months or three and one-half years. There is no such person now ruling neither in Europe nor any other country, therefore, there is no reason for fear of him nor his mark as yet. During this time his greatest aim is to destroy the remaining fragments of Christianity and the Jews.

HIS MARK

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." That the insignia of the Blue Eagle is not such a mark is certain, and that the origin of it is from an opposite source is all the more certain in view of the foregoing scripture references. To sign the N. R. A. agreement has nothing to do with such a mark as is here mentioned. That anybody and everybody can buy and sell all they want to without the Blue Eagle is positive proof. The Mark of the Beast will be a world-wide mark system. The Blue Eagle concerns no one only the U. S. A. The American bald eagle has long been the official insignia upon all government officials' uniforms and on official documents, etc. The display of the Blue Eagle is no more the mark of the beast than to wear a uniform with the bald eagle upon the lapel or button. All nations have a national emblem. Italy has the fasces, Germany the swastika, Russia the red horse and red dragon emblems, so I am told. Some nations have one emblem and others have something else. The Blue Eagle is simply the insignia of the National Recovery Act. Our government has many such emblems or insignias. Government control will certainly be a feature of Antichrist government, and such is necessary; that, however, is not the bad feature of Antichrist, it is his destructive opposition to the religion of Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

Many able writers and authors think the mark is significant only and that there will be no literal mark; however, I think most all Church of God ministers think it literal. Yet many think it is the sealing of the wicked one within the mind and heart of the unsaved or evil children of this world as the Christians are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13; 4:30; Rev. 14:1. Some able authors think as the child of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit which sealing is of a spiritual nature that the seal or mark of the Beast is along the same order. This is possible, yet it may not be the exact copy of truth involved. We

are, however, confronted with more than the mere mark. We must consider the Mark of the Beast, the name of the Beast, lastly the number of his name. The word used in the Greek for "mark" is charagna, which means to notch, engrave; an imprinted mark. Rev. 13:16; Acts 17:29. It also means character, or inscription; which in some sense differs from an outward brand or mark. Entirely another word is used by the apostle in Galatians 6:17. There the apostle states, "Let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." The word used here is "stigmata" which means a prick or puncture of a pointed instrument, a brand-mark, a brand; generally used of the branding of a slave. But how are we to understand what is here meant? Are we to understand that the apostle had been actually branded by an instrument for Christ or do we best think it to be the engraving of Christ upon his character by which he was conformed to His image, and that finally for me to live is Christ? Is it not best understood in the light of the fact that it refers to the complete change in the character and life of the apostle? But when we turn to the English word "stigma" which is simply a transliterated Greek word, we find that it means (1) chiefly in senses, or that it is the effect of the senses referred to; (2) any mark of infamy or disgrace, stain or reproach caused by dishonorable conduct. The fact is then that it actually referred to the stigma of criticism of evil speaking by the Jews and his foes (Acts 24:14). The outward stigma of criticism was not therefore because of evil conduct, but he was so accounted by his opposers. Therefore, the outward stigma was the truest insignia of inward grace and Christian character which had caused his name to be cast out as evil. 1 Cor. 4:13.

PAUL, A SERVANT

In his letter to the Romans he referred to himself as a "servant." The Greek word is "doulos" and means a slave, a bondman, properly a born slave. In case a slave desired to serve his master forever, his master must bring his slave to the judges, "he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him forever." Ex. 31:6. Here is a case of "branding" or of marking by an instrument; but certainly Paul was not so marked, his was but the marking of stigma, or criticism and false appraisal of Christian virtue and possession by his enemies. Christians are no less suffering such a mark today, which is testimony of an inward insignia of divine grace.

THE SEAL OF THE SPIRIT

I have already mentioned that many think that the sealing of the Spirit is God's way of sealing His own children, which we know to be true. In each instance the Greek word for "seal or sealed" is "esphragidzo," which comes from "ephragidzo" and means (1) to seal, to seal up, shut up. What we have therefore in the sealing of the Spirit is, that

the child of God is sealed or shut up by the Spirit. Approach to or ingress by the wicked one is forbidden because of such a sealing. 1 John 4:4. (2) To mark as with a seal, stamp. Here is a marking or stamping by the Spirit, which is alone visible to the world "by their fruits" and conduct; for this cause they were called Christians. Other than as above mentioned such a mark or stamp is invisible. (3) To seal or stamp with approval, limit, define, determine. The child of God is not only sealed or stamped with approval through the Holy Spirit, but by it he is limited to a walk and life in the Spirit; which defines and determines the work, conduct and future of the ones so sealed.

(To be continued)

FELLOWSHIP, UNITY, PROGRESS

POUNDING MILL, Va. — The Bluefield district Convention of the Church of God convened at Pounding Mill church July 14-16, with Brother P. W. Hadsock, District Overseer in charge. Friday night the welcome address was given by Brother Hadsock, followed by a testimony service for all of God's children. Saturday morning service opened by our State Overseer, Brother L. L. Vaught. He talked on the subject, "Fellowship, Unity and Progress." This service was enjoyed by all. Following his talk Brother C. H. Dye spoke on "Faithfulness," using Abraham for an example. At the afternoon service Brother Hadsock spoke in the interest of the Orphans Home, using for a text St. Matt. 18:1. This was fine, and we were made to realize the need of doing more for the orphans. Following, Brother Vaught spoke, giving advice to the ministry and laity, text Acts 20:28. This service was enjoyed very much and we saw our need of living closer to God.

Saturday night there were songs and prayers, also special songs and guitar music by Brother H. O. Kirk. The power of God was wonderful and our hearts were made to rejoice in a Savior's great love. This service was in honor of the Y. P. E. Brother Vaught brought us a wonderful message on "The need of more Christian young people." On Sunday morning the Sunday School was enjoyed by all, after which Brother Kirk brought a wonderful message on "The Church of God." This was a glorious service, and we were made to appreciate the Church of God more than ever before. At the afternoon service Brother Vaught spoke on the need of doing more for the missionary work, after which came the call of the churches, with a large number of delegates. The night service was conducted by Brother Hadsock and the convention came to a close, but we feel that the spirit of it will live on in the hearts of the people. Our hearts were sad when we shook hands and said good-bye. Pray for us that we may be able to do more for Christ and His Church than we have ever done before.—Mrs C. R. Meade.

The Mysteries of God

By H. V. MILLER

IN the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the MYSTERY of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets, Rev. 10:7.

The word MYSTERY is used at least twenty-two times in the New Testament. In every instance it is used to signify that which CANNOT BE COMPREHENDED by the use of natural, mental powers. That which is to be known must be REVEALED.

1 Cor. 2:7-8, "We speak the wisdom of God IN A MYSTERY, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which NONE OF THE PRINCES OF THIS WORLD KNEW: for had they known it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." God has seen fit to reserve the HIDDEN WISDOM of His plans and purposes for those who are spiritual. Others, "having eyes see not, and having ears hear not." Matt. 13.

1 Cor. 2:14, "The NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED." "As it is written EYE hath not seen, nor EAR heard, neither have entered into the HEART of men the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him, but GOD HATH REVEALED them unto us BY HIS SPIRIT," 1 Cor. 2:9, 10. The "preparation" here spoken of does not refer to preparation being made for the saints in heaven, though it is often so interpreted. It applies to ALL OF THE BODY OF TRUTH which God has reserved and kept secret from the worldly wise, but which He has revealed to His saints, even though the natural, mental equipment of many or most of them may make them appear, when compared with the wise of the world, as "babes."

1 Cor. 1:26, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many WISE AFTER THE FLESH, not many noble are called." Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth because thou hast HID these things from the wise and prudent and REVEALED them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father, neither knoweth any MAN the Father save the Son, and HE TO WHOMSOEVER THE SON WILL REVEAL HIM," Matt. 11:25-27.

Spiritual comprehension does not depend upon intellectual development or even of the possession of the word of knowledge. REVELATION ALONE can open to the heart the secret things of God. The Bible may be read, memorized and quoted and yet not be the bread of life to the one so exercising his natural senses. 1 Cor. 1:18, "For the preaching of the cross is unto them that perish

FOOLISHNESS, but unto US which are saved it is the POWER OF GOD."

Peter confessed Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answering him said, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jona, for flesh and blood hath not REVEALED it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven," Matt. 16:16-17. He called this fact of spiritual REVELATION the rock or foundation stone upon which He would build His Church. At another time Jesus said that the nature of eternal life of itself was a state in which men should KNOW Jehovah (Ps. 83:18) as the only true God and Jesus Christ as sent by Him. "This is life eternal, that they may know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

Saul of Tarsus had been well taught and trained in the religion of the Jews but he did not know God until, as he testifies in Gal. 1:15-16, "It pleased God —TO REVEAL His Son to me." At once Saul's life was changed and directed into a new course. Even his name was changed from Saul to Paul. He became taught of the Spirit of God receiving the knowledge of the Gospel from God by REVELATION. Gal. 1:11-12, "The gospel which was preached of me is not after man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it but by THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST."

There are two kinds of revelation. We have an example of each in the above experience of Saul of Tarsus. The first was Saul's personal, inner revelation—God revealing his Son Jesus Christ IN him. This was his re-birth, his awakening from spiritual death into spiritual life and fitting him to comprehend the hidden things which are imparted by the Spirit to those who are spiritual. The second kind of revelation is that which was given only to the prophets, gospel writers, apostles and other chosen vessels through whom the Word of the Lord was given to man and recorded in the Bible. This is the kind of revelation spoken of by Paul when He declared that he was preaching the gospel as made known to him BY REVELATION.

The revelations made to the writers of God's Book, Paul included, were recorded in words which all may read; especially since printing has made possible the making of hundreds of thousands of copies of the Bible. Yet while all may possess and read these RECORDED REVELATIONS, their spiritual significance can only be understood by an INTERPRETATIVE REVELATION of the Spirit of God. The one is a revelation already complete. The other is a revelation to be made by the Holy Ghost either directly to the heart or through the agency of Spirit-filled teachers unvelling the MYSTERIES, or inner spiritual meaning of recorded Revelation.

When Evangelist Philip accosted the traveller in Acts 8:30, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked him if he understood what he was reading. The man replied, "How can I except some man should GUIDE me?" Acts 8:31. Then Philip "began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus." Only by REVELATION could it be known that Isaiah in his prophecy was speaking of Christ. Often the prophets themselves, while recording revealed truth, did not have the INNER REVELATION to enable them to comprehend the meaning of the things they spoke and wrote.

When Jesus began to tell the people of things spiritual and of things eternal, He spoke to them in parables. "And without a parable spake he not unto them," fulfilling the Word, "I will UTTER (or REVEAL) things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." Matt. 13:35. To His disciples Jesus said, "To you it is given TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES of the kingdom of heaven, but unto them it is not given * * * therefore speak I to them in parables: because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." Matt. 13:11 and 13. By the use of parables, that is by the use of an earthly comparison, Jesus aided the natural eyes which could not see, and the natural ears which could not hear, and the natural mind which could not understand, to comprehend the MYSTERIES of God and lay hold of eternal life.

Paul received the MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL from God by REVELATION and urged others to pray for him that he might be enabled to make the MYSTERY known through his preaching. "I certify you brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the REVELATION of Jesus Christ." Gal. 1:11, "By REVELATION he made known to me the MYSTERY * * * which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men as it is now REVEALED unto his holy apostles and prophets BY THE SPIRIT * * * Wherefore I am made a minister * * * to make all men see what is the fellowship (or harmony) of the Mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." Eph. 3:3-9. "Pray * * * for me that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, TO MAKE KNOWN THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL." Eph. 6:19.

There are at least nine themes or divisions of spiritual truth in the Word of God directly designated as MYSTERIES.

THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL, Eph. 6:11, "That I may make known the MYSTERY of the Gospel."

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS, 1 Tim. 3:16, "Without controversy great is the MYSTERY of godliness."

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST DWELLING WITHIN BELIEVERS, Col. 1:26, 27, "The MYSTERY now manifest to his saints which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, Matt. 13:9-11, "To you it is given to know the MYSTERIES of the kingdom of heaven."

THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL'S PRESENT BLINDNESS, Rom. 11:25, "I would not brethren that ye should be ignorant of this MYSTERY—that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

THE MYSTERY OF THE UNITY OF BELIEVERS IN ONE BODY, Eph. 3:4-6, "The MYSTERY * * * that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs and of the same body."

THE MYSTERY OF THE RAPTURE, 1 Cor. 15:51 and 1 Thess. 5:13-18, "Be-

hold I shew you a MYSTERY, we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed."

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY, 2 Thess. 2:7, "The MYSTERY of iniquity doth already work."

In rightly dividing the Word of Truth each of these MYSTERIES or divisions of spiritual truth becomes a study which is the bread of life to them that are spiritual. Paul says, 1 Cor. 2:6-7-12, "We speak wisdom among men that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world * * * but we speak the wisdom of God in a MYSTERY, even the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our glory * * * THAT WE MAY KNOW."

tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I would not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.' God is able to do these things and He surely will, but we must measure up to the Word of God. When you pay your tithes you haven't commenced to give. Why do I say this? and where do I get my authority? Hear the Word of the Lord, 'All the tithes of the land is the Lord's,' Lev. 27:30." "I know that is Bible but that was under the law. We are living under grace." We will then go back for a period of more than four hundred years, to the time the law was given to Moses and the children of Israel and get the first account of paying tithes. "And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God * * * which hath delivered thine enemies into thine hand. And he gave him tithes of all," Gen. 14:18-20, also see Heb. 7:4. Melchizedek was the first example we have on record in God's Word of paying tithes. Jacob anointed a stone which was a perfect type of the Church, for he said, in Gen. 28:22, "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." God's house, the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth! 1 Tim. 3:15. His house is where we should bring in our tithes, and there will surely be meat in the storehouse. Abraham paid his tithes, and we are the seed of Abraham. Paul said in Gal. 3:7, "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Jesus said in John 8:39, "If ye were Abraham's children ye would do the works of Abraham."

Will a man rob God? Oh, so many cries we hear in these last days coming from thousands of starving souls; they are crying for someone to come and tell them about Jesus and His wonderful power to save from sin, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost, so they can get ready for His return. We hear the call as it reaches the ears of the humble servants of God. We can see one who has forsaken all, taken up the cross and doing what he can to help rescue perishing souls. In my mind I can see down in a little humble cottage or cabin possibly outside of town or on some side street. We see this servant of the Lord pouring out his heart to God for lost souls and for His Church. When he looks across the little room he calls his home, he sees his wife who has given up all the comfort she had enjoyed before hearing the call, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." I see her in a plain print dress, her shoes badly worn, she sits in a common chair with no carpet on the floor, her children poorly dressed, but cheerfully she sings, "The Harder the Battle the Sweeter the Victory." Mother looks in their faces and around in the bare room with bedsteads which have been discarded by some one else, and the three-burner oil stove,

Will A Man Rob God?

By PAULINE JACKSON

Text: Mal. 3:8

SO much has been said and written on this subject, but I feel a strange awakening within my inmost being, that I must lay aside everything and write, as God brings this important message to me. O what a wonderful God we have to serve! It is God who brought us out of darkness into the marvelous light. It is He, who loved us so much that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. It is God who gives us health, food and raiment. Then, seeing His wonderful love and great power to lift fallen humanity we are made to quake and tremble when we think of this question, "Will a man rob God?" Yes, we can answer it, when we know that God is the head of all things, the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them. All the wealth of the earth is His, the cattle on a thousand hills. Prov. 3:9, 10. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." God showers His blessings down upon the thankful and the unthankful, believers and infidels.

Man is here only by God's permission, and every breath he draws is borrowed, and nothing with which to pay back. Will a man rob God? You say, Impossible. But I say, Yes, a man can and does rob God. People will cry, "Hard times," and in the meantime rob God. We also rob Him of the adoration and glory due Him. So many will say, "I don't believe in paying tithes." If every tenth dollar made in this world today was placed as God's Word directs it, the entire world could and would be speedily evangelized. The business world of today promptly revolts at the suggestion of giving one-tenth of their income. To their minds it is outrageous. It would surely bankrupt the business world. They like the Sunday morning and Sunday evening nickel and dime idea much better. On Sunday morning he will feel down in his pocket over

those fives, tens, and possibly twenties, to get the children some pennies to put in Sunday School. When the tithes and offerings are taken he drops in the nickel. O what a great difference between God and man. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son"—for man so loved God that he gave Him buffalo nickels and dimes.

The tithes (tenth) are the Lord's. I want to say that after we have paid the tenth we haven't "given" anything. It seems to me a lot of folks do not understand paying tithes. Some will say they have the Holy Ghost and trust the Lord as their healer. Yes, they can do that all right, but haven't received the light on tithes. Some I know of who really don't know anything about this good way of holiness or the Church of God, say, "I pay my tithes of everything I make." It comes to my mind just now of one of the officials in one of the cotton mills here in my home town. He came to me, asking me about my faith, what I believe in, etc. After preaching Jesus to him and the plan of salvation for possibly an hour, he said, "Well, I believe I am a Christian. My wife and I pay our tithes. I believe we should do this." This man was making good at that time. His tithes were six and seven dollars a week. He said, "Yet there is one thing I cannot do. I haven't gotten to the place where I can pray in public." So there are many today in the world who haven't enough salvation to pray in public, yet they pay their tithes, but some who claim the Holy Ghost, shout and talk in tongues say, "I can't see the light on paying tithes. That was back under the law anyway." I heard a lady say once, "I don't believe in paying tithes to the preacher. Let him work like we do. I'll pay my tithes wherever I see it is needed, helping the poor, or someone who comes along I think is in need. Or if husband and I need some gas and oil to go to church or attend the revival I'll pay my tithes that way." I said, "Sister, you are not paying any tithes at all. Mal. 3 says, 'Bring ye all the

(which is good enough for the pastor). The father's heart is burdened to carry the "glad tidings of great joy" to hungry souls, but it takes all his time he can spare from the church he is pastoring to work hard at some manual labor to support his family.

Some members will go to church and grumble, saying, "Our pastor is not deep enough in the Scriptures for us; we need to make a change." In the meantime, I can see them in their comfortable homes when their day's work is over, the family is seated around the table in their nicely furnished dining room, the beautiful bright lights shining down on the good eats, as if they had fixed for a king. Supper being ended, they walk into their cozy living room and sit around in comfort. The father expresses his fear of the banks closing, but satisfies himself that his money is okeh within the vaults of the bank. But I want to say, that only nine-tenths of this belongs to him; he has robbed God. Can a man rob God and enter heaven? On Sunday morning we can see this family as they glide over the paved road in their beautiful car to the little church "around the corner." As they enter the church they can see that humble servant of God with his family, kneeling at the altar, pouring their hearts out to God for the church and lost souls. When they open up the service they open with a praise service, and hear these people in a very formal way say, "I am glad God has saved me, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost," and that is all they can say. O dear souls, it surely means something to be sanctified. Do you realize what it means? It means more to be sanctified than lots of people think. It means that everything you have must be on the altar for God. I say, Can a robber enter heaven? If so, why need the preachers preach repentance and restitution. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me." So many won't prove the Lord. And He has said He would pour us out a blessing that there would not be room enough to receive it.

I have been in this way of holiness for about twelve years and have never robbed God yet. He has said for us to bring in all the tithes into the storehouse, not a part, but all. Having been a clerk at one time I found out that people do not pay all their tithes, they pay part and hold back some. (Some of them do.) I knew how much their income was, and I knew when they were not paying all their tithes. Pay the Lord what you owe, bring all your tithes into the storehouse and God will wonderfully bless you. In everything you will be like the blessed man, David, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Amen.

Special Attention - Y. P. E's. Everywhere

We have an appeal to make to you for the Y. P. E. paper. We are very sure that many of our young people, as well as old, will testify to the fact that the paper has been a great blessing to them. Many have written in expressing the same but we don't believe you have ever realized how much the Editor and Publishing House need your support.

This week I received a very shocking letter from Brother Clark, after I had sent the material for the September issue, saying, "We cannot publish this issue as to do so would result in considerable loss to the Publishing House." Of course I knew it was not paying its way but I did not realize it was quite so serious. He also stated that he would announce soon that the paper was discontinued, unless the interest increased. I immediately wrote him asking him to please just give the young people another chance, at least until the Assembly, to work for the paper. This morning I received another letter saying that he must have 2,000 subscriptions before he could publish another issue. At first I thought "impossible." Oh, how the walled cities, the giants and all kinds of obstacles loomed up before me, and then I thought of Caleb and decided I would be on his side, so I began to realize that all things are possible to those who believe. I believe we can do it, don't you?

I began to figure the thing out and found that if 200 Y. P. E's. would send in ten yearly subscriptions, we would go over the top. The Publishing House has offered a nice Bible to each one sending in ten yearly subscriptions at 50c each. If 200 individuals would take this interest in the paper, you see what we could soon do. There is no need in the Editor and the Publishing House bearing all the load when there are hundreds of the young people who could shoulder it with us. Send in a club of ten at once and let us see what we can do by the Assembly, or bring them to the Assembly. We will give you an opportunity to subscribe on Y. P. E. night during the Assembly. We want what God wants and this is the way we are leaving it. If we do not immediately get your support, we will feel that we at least have done our best. Will you feel the same way?

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have to be discontinued, Brother Clark assures you your money will be refunded. Send your subscriptions to the Church of God Publishing House, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn.—Hopefully yours, Alda B. Harrison.

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On his face, if he worried he hid it; He started to sing as he tackled the thing That couldn't be done, and he did it.

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HE IS MY ALL IN ALL

Truly I praise my blessed Redeemer tonight for victory over sin and Satan and for the Comforter that really abides now. How I do praise Him for His mighty keeping power. He is my all in all, praise His name!

I praise and thank God for the wonderful revival that has just closed here at Sulphur Springs for Jesus really blessed. About twenty-five were filled with the Holy Ghost, several were saved and sanctified, and several came into the Church. Brother J. H. Griffin from Branford, Fla.

and Brother Sumner, our pastor did the preaching and it was wonderful. We surely have a good pastor and we thank the Lord for him and his dear, faithful wife.

Dear saints, I ask an interest in all your prayers that I may go on for the Lord and do my little bit in the Church of God until Jesus calls me home. I want all who read this to pray that the Lord will heal my husband of asthma and my baby of ground itch for she has it very badly on her feet. Pray for us that we will be true.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. C. S. Hodges, 7809-12th St., Sulphur Springs, Fla.

REQUESTS

I desire your prayers that I may soon receive the Holy Ghost. I have faith in divine healing and stand foursquare for God and the Church. My wife is in bed now having chills and fever and wants all the Church of God folks to pray for her to be healed. We have no Church of God at this place yet. Pray that we will soon be able to build one.—A strong believer in God and the Church, E. L. Goodman, Oak Grove, Ala., Coffeenville, Rt. 1.

My husband is seeking the Holy Ghost and I ask prayer for him to receive Him. Also pray for our boy who has been sick several days. Pray that the Lord will completely heal him if it is His precious will. We trust the Lord for both soul and body. Pray for my unsaved father, brothers and sisters to be saved, and pray for me to always be humble.—A sister in Christ, Francis Querry, Rt. 2, Box 330, Newport, Ark.

I am asking all the saints to pray a special prayer for me as I am ruptured. I have salvation.—A brother in Christ, Wilbert Vinson.

To the Church of God saints everywhere, when you meet pray for me. I am doing my best with victory in my soul trusting that I may get out soon. My husband is better.—Eliza Kendall, Rasine, Ky.

I want you to pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and my husband and brother to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. R. E. Foster, Box 63, Tell, Tex.

Please pray for my body. I have been suffering with kidney trouble, also a cough for some time. Please pray for me for I know the good Lord can heal me, praise His dear name. I am trusting Him with both soul and body. Please pray for my unsaved loved ones in my home.—Your sister in Christ, Lowney Sweat, 1610 Wardlow St., Waycross, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I have weak, nervous spells. I know Jesus can heal. Pray for my little sister who is backslidden. She seems to want to live for Jesus again. She once had such a deep experience but was hindered by loved ones. Pray that she will get back to the dear Lord and that my husband and I will always be able to overcome and be at our best for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. A. C. Thomas, 1702 Wardlow St., Waycross, Ga.

I am thanking and praising God for what He is doing for me. I have been real sick. The doctor said I had T. B. and ulcer of the stomach. A crowd of church members came in and prayed for me. I had not been out of my room in several days and when they prayed I got up and walked out and I thank God for it. I

was so weak and low that I haven't got my strength back yet and I want everybody who reads this to pray that the Lord will give me strength so I can go to the Assembly.

This morning I feel if God doesn't spare a helping hand I will not get to go to the Assembly. My stomach is hurting. So dear people, please pray for me and if some one of your neighbors does not take the Evangel tell them to pray for me, and when you go to church have a special prayer for me.—One who wants to live for God, Rosa Tow, Suches, Ga.

I am the only one in my home that is saved. My husband is a drunkard and so wicked when he is drunk. Sometimes I think there is no hope for him. He will soon be fifty-five years old and never was saved in his life that I know of. So dear folks, help me pray for my husband that God will crush that stony heart of his and put in him a heart of flesh, also pray for my mother and her family who are unsaved. Just one brother and I are the only ones saved, there being four brothers, one sister, and my mother unsaved. Pray much for them that they will give their hearts to God before it is too late and pray for me that I will be found doing my Master's will at all times and win souls for Him.

I was once a member of the great Church of God at Middletown, Ohio where Brother Jeff Wilson is pastor, but since I backslid and changed my name I don't suppose my name is there any more, but I love them all anyway and I will never join any other church.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Beulah Richardson, 429 Bryant St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

I praise the Lord for saving my entire family, seven of us. Six have the full blessing. Everybody pray for us. Pray for some of the saints here that we have labored so hard for and who have been overcome with the tobacco habit. We do know by the Word of God that the Holy Ghost will not dwell in an unclean temple, and we do know that we cannot walk the highway of Holiness without the Comforter to lead us into all truth. Pray for this people, we love them and we know that our blessed Lord loves them too.

Pray for a revival that Brother Diamukes and Brother Gardner is conducting near Half Acre, Ala. Pray for me that God will have His way and get glory out of my life. Please pray for my sister who has been in bad health for several years. Pray for God to heal her body and give her light on holiness.—A brother in the Church of God, J. M. Vice, Sweetwater, Ala.

I ask all the dear Evangel readers to please pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost. I am eleven years old. I surely do want the Holy Ghost so pray, pray for me.—One who loves the Lord, Paul Martin, Statesboro, Ga.

I ask all the saints in the Church of

God to pray for my little girl that the Lord will heal her of heart trouble and different diseases. I have just started in the way, just received the Holy Ghost last Sunday night.—C. Y. Mull, Rt. 4, Hickory, N. C.

POWER OF THE LORD CAME DOWN

I am glad to report victory over sin and the devil just now, praise the dear Lord. We have just closed a glorious revival at Jones Chapel which was conducted by Brother W. M. Woods of Summiton, Ala. The power of the enemy was strong but thank God it was not strong enough to keep Brother Woods from giving out the precious Word of God in full. We surely do love Brother and Sister Woods and their two little girls. The revival began July 30th and lasted until Aug. 10th. The Lord met with us in every service. The Lord has blessed us with a new church building at this place and we surely do thank Him for it. The crowds were large nearly every night, and as Brother Woods gave out the messages under the power of the Holy Ghost the congregation sat as if spellbound and listened to the good Word of God. Brother Woods didn't fail to declare the whole counsel.

There were seekers at the altar nearly every night. There were four saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother M. J. Headley, our pastor, was with us a few times during the revival. We surely do love Brother Headley and family and believe he is a real shepherd over his flock.

On Saturday night, Aug. 5th, Brother O. J. Plake of Empire, Ala. was with us and gave us an inspiring message which was real food to our souls. On Sunday we had a wonderful service. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost were in our midst. The power of the Lord came down and the saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. There were some saved, and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost in this service. Every one who was present received a blessing too great to tell. The Lord was always on the scene. There were several messages and the interpretations given out. Oh! how wonderful it is to get a hearing fresh from heaven, to hear the Holy Ghost warning the sinners to make ready to meet Jesus in peace and encouraging the saints to stay humble and true just a little longer. Oh, glory to God, I'm glad that my Redeemer liveth.

We are glad of Sister Rose Brower and Sister Margaret Acock of Summiton who were with us some during the meeting. We also appreciate the cooperation of the saints from our sister churches, Helican and Double Springs, and invite each one back again. Pray for the church at Jones Chapel that it may rise and shine for Jesus. Pray for me that I will be a humble servant of the most high God.—Your brother in Christ, Claude L. Lee, clerk, Vinemont, Ala., Rt. 3.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

Missions

By T. P. DOUGLAS

"Whom shall I send, and whom will go for us?"

These words found in Isa. 6:8 are recorded as spoken by the Lord, and one is made to wonder just what the thoughts of the Lord are, and just how He feels when He beholds the indifferent attitude which His professed followers show toward such a plea. Furthermore, we are made to shudder as we think of the awful condemnation which awaits those who know to do good and do it not. Jas. 4:17.

We talk a great deal about being the Body of Christ. Well, I trust we are, but do we stop to consider what the body of Christ was doing about 1900 years ago? Have we read in Isa. 61:1 how that He, speaking through the prophet, said, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath SENT Me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound," and goes on throughout the entire chapter telling of the good things that He would do.

And again we read in Luke 4:16:21 how this Scripture was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus? Have we considered His life of toil and tears, of His sleepless nights on the mountain sides in prayer to the Father for His wayward children? Have we studied the progress of the Church, the Body of Christ, left here in the world to complete the great work of soul saving which He had begun, how she, in her infancy, grew and increased in stature and wisdom and power with God, her Father, and then how she spread out from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth, saving all, both old and young, great and small, rich and poor alike, all, whosoever would accept?

What was it, brother and sister, that sent this body all over the world in a few short years, telling the glad story of redemption? Why was all this fiery zeal and courage that would go thru blood and fire, to spread the message of salvation, that laughed at perils on land and on sea, that mocked at persecution, and in the face of all the legions of demons and devils arrayed against her, she spread her wings and sailed to the ends of the earth arrayed in power and glory, such as had never been seen?

Let us look to John 3:16, "For God so loved (read it slowly) the world,—that He gave,—His only begotten Son,—that whosoever, (you, I, or anybody) believeth in Him should not perish, but

have everlasting life."

Brother, no greater love could possibly be manifested! Note first His love, second the result of that love, which was the gift of His ONLY and dear Son, thirdly, the result of the gift. There are no words adequate to describe such tender, passionate, fiery love. But it means the salvation of all who will believe.

It was this love that made a missionary of Jesus and sent Him to this foreign land to become "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," and since the church is His body, it is only natural to expect that she would have the same degree of love, the same self-sacrificing spirit, that would exert the same untiring effort which we find in her Lord and master, which is the Head of the body.

Among the first disciples and the early church we find this love, and they toiled unceasingly in the face of dangers indescribable, filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, clothed upon with the very presence and power of Jesus Himself. And it is said that over fifty million people have died a martyr's death before they would compromise and allow their love to grow cold.

Again, when the latter rain began to fall, some thirty years ago, this same spirit of love and zeal took hold of the church and she plumed her wings and began to run here and yonder everywhere with this wonderful message. But alas, how soon has our zeal burned out. Then it was how little can I live on, how much can I give to spread the gospel to dying souls everywhere? but now the tide seems to have turned and it is how much can I spend on myself, and how little can I give to the missionary cause? expensive and worldly clothes, new cars, "keeping up with the Joneses," foolish spending for things that we would be better off without, both spiritually and physically. How much money is thrown away by the so-called Christian people today for such foolish things as candy, ice cream, chewing gum and beauty aids, and yet we wonder why we have no power, no faith, no victory. O, it seems to me, my brother and sister, that we are a sad imitation of the true missionary Church of which we read in the Bible.

There is too much love of ease and comfort, while the poor missionary must go without even the bare necessities of life. Oh, how this shames me when I see the lack of power. (I don't mean that something that runs over you and causes your body to tremble, that is only the Holy Ghost trying to shake the self out of you and shake you into subjection so He can have His way with you.) Power means more than that, it means that which Jesus said we would receive AFTER that the Holy Ghost is come up-

on you, i. e., energy, ability, yes, authority to command demons and devils, and disease of every kind, and to get the gospel sword deep into the hearts of deep dyed sinners.

I want to tell you how we raise our mission money here in Key West. Several months ago it came into my mind to prepare a form on which would be a space for the name of every one who would pledge themselves to give some amount each month for missions. At the top of the sheet we wrote, "Mission Pledges for April" (or the name of the present month), then a space for names, next the amount, and then a space to mark paid. We did not state any particular amount, but let the individual do that. We headed the list with the name of the pastor and his wife, and it was remarkable how the folks responded. I'll tell you, pastors and workers, we can if we only will, and the best of all is that God will give us the "will" if we are willing. We did not stop at merely trying to raise the amount asked for by the Assembly, but we went further and did all we could, and for the past two months we have more than doubled our regular Assembly mission quota and this too with only one or two of the members who had any work.

God will bless missionary effort, but I wonder if He doesn't frown on us when He calls and says, "Who will go for us?" and there is no response, "Here am I, send me."

Many of us are crying, "Come, Lord Jesus," but I fear that we are hindering His coming in that we are so slow to respond to His call for a "world-wide mission band to hasten the gospel to every land."

Have we heard, will we heed, will we go? Remember if you can't go, you can send, and "as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike," 1 Sam. 30:14.

Everybody say, "Amen."

MISSIONARIES NEEDED

KOMOKA, Ontario, Can.—Praise God for sending us to Ontario. These dear people are in great need of the Church of God. About four hundred Pentecostal people are in London; many others in outside towns. The enemy knew God needed workers in this province so he made it very hard for us to get here. He is still on his job. Praise God! our God is still on His throne.

We left Prince Edward Island in December where we had been working about five years. The icy roads made our trip very dangerous, our car sometimes slipping back down a bad hill or else turning around. We were out several very cold nights and arrived in London one bitter cold morning hungry and cold. We found no place of refuge until evening. It being Saturday we were taken into a mission, fed and sheltered over Sunday. The preacher told us we had better go back to P. E. I. as quickly as possible as he

could take care of all God's work around here. However, we see the need of several Church of God missions in and around London.

We soon found three rooms on a third floor where God wonderfully kept us until June. In the meantime we held street meetings and did some personal work and came out to Komoka every Sunday for service. We now have services here at our abiding place. We are very thankful for the Sunday School literature sent to us. We have a good little Sunday School started. We have good street services at Mt. Brydges, five miles from here, also do some personal work in London. Ever so many good people are here but some are tangled up in false doctrines. It is hard to go ahead and pave the way for the Church of God with so little finance, but God will make it easier for those that follow, I am sure.

I praise God for always providing something for us. Though some weeks we have no bread, milk, and other things, we are having plenty of good vegetables. Offerings are so small or none at all that we sometimes can't meet expenses and don't have enough to pay tithes on the little given to us.

We haven't been to the Assembly for seven years. We long to see you dear ones in the States, yet we love these people and feel at home here. God's Word teaches us not to despise the day of small things.

There is such great need of missionaries. It seems as if the widow's mites are carrying the gospel. I believe if 40,000 Church of God brothers and sisters would get humble enough to put away even one penny a day or week for missions, we soon would see the devil take a back seat. I desire to do all the good I can, in all the ways I can, to all the people I can, till Jesus comes. God bless you every one. Will you please pray for us?—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. J. H. Dorsett and family.

NOTICES

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The Memphis, Tenn. district convention of the Church of God will convene at Memphis, Tenn. beginning Saturday night, Sept. 23, with our state overseer, Brother T. S. Payne, in charge. We will look for all pastors, ministers and clerks to be present and you who can't attend please pray for us. The church is located on Jackson Ave. We extend a cordial welcome to all. Come and help make it a success.—Your brother in Christ, John R. Teague, 1308 Ridgway St., Memphis, Tenn.

The Church of God at Olustee, Fla. will have home coming day the fourth Sunday in September. There will be a message at eleven o'clock on Revelation and Daniel's Prophecy. We will have water baptismal service and other Gospel messages in the afternoon, and feet washing and church communion service at night. We extend a welcome to neighboring churches to come and share the blessings of

this special day with us. All members and former members please attend. Bring a basket of food as we will have dinner on the out-door table at church.—J. W. Shaw, pastor.

There will be a home coming day at Norton, Va., Sept. 24th. We want all preachers on the district to be present. Come and enjoy a good feast from the Lord.—Faithfully, R. H. Flinchum, district overseer.

As I am the Florida state booster of the Auditorium at Jacksonville, Fla., for the Church of God colored work, I am asking each district and local booster to send in their reports. We are working to finish the Auditorium this year. God will help those who help themselves. If we as Church of God members put our shoulders to the wheel, the Auditorium will soon be finished. Send in the report of all the coupons and money each month so there will be a clear record.

If there are any of the district or local boosters whom I haven't written and who would like to get information write me. I will be very glad to give you the information you desire. Let us all work together.—Your sister in Christ, Lillie Carey, R.F.D. 1, Box 17, Sanford, Fla.

I want four passengers to go to Cleveland to the General Assembly. I have a good car in good shape. I am leaving Oct. 3rd, going by way of Paris, Tex., Little Rock, Ark., Forrest City, Ark., Memphis Tenn. and on to Cleveland. The price will be \$15.00 round trip for each passenger. If any one is interested please don't delay in writing, but write at once so I can get in touch with you.—C. D. Foshee, 600 Pecan St., Graham, Tex.

To the Church of God in Missouri and elsewhere: W. E. Collins is no longer a minister of the Church of God.—W. J. Milligan, Overseer of Missouri.

FIRST STATE CONVENTION IN MAINE

Here I come again from the New England States. Since my last article in the Evangel I have been engaged in a meeting in Augusta, Me. which is the capital. The meeting has been successful. There are many honest-hearted people here who are looking toward the Church of God. We are here for a short while trying to locate a place.

Our state convention convened at Appleton, Me. under the supervision of H. W. Poteat, state overseer, which proved a success. Each speaker seemed to be at his best. Brother Latimer, our General Overseer, brought many good messages on prophecy, which were very much enjoyed.

Brother J. H. Walker, superintendent of the Bible Training School, was present also. My, did he sing, It Just Suits Me! I think the church should appreciate such men as these, with their untiring efforts as they go from state to state. Surely God

will reward them for their sacrifices. Time and space would not permit me to call each minister's name, but I will relate a few of the special events.

We were royally entertained in the home of Brother Miller who is in charge of the church property at that place. This property has been owned by a Pentecostal movement. There is only a balance of three hundred dollars due. It is estimated that this property is worth about three thousand dollars. One of the greatest features of this convention was, the young people were largely represented. Some were visitors from out of the state. Brother and Sister Stoppe were present from Juniata, Pa., and Brother Carl Carder from West Virginia. Among the visitors was Sister Dorothy Diffenderfer from Juniata, Pa., who recited a few poems. It was wonderful how God blessed. The Y. P. E. was conducted by Brothers Hubert Flowers and George Poteat. The morning service at seven o'clock was very largely attended. Surely God's presence was there throughout the day. This being the first State convention in the state of Maine, I'm sure we can say it was more than a success. It was estimated there were more than 2,000 people there on Sunday, the closing night. Altho it has gone down on the pages of history, I am sure it will long linger in the minds of those who were privileged to attend.

Permit me to say that those who feel the call to the fields of labor, could do no better than to come this way.

On Monday night we went to Belfast, Me. and set the church in order with fourteen members, with Brother L. Hesketh as pastor. Surely God was pleased with this as the presence of the sweet Holy Ghost overshadowed us. I have never witnessed a meeting like this in many, many years. I am sure those who sacrificed to open up the work in Belfast, Me. are beginning to see the fruits of their labor and many of them have sacrificed their health and can't endure much longer. You who are fresh and new for the fields, come on, let's hold up their hands, and we shall reap if we faint not.—Your brother in Christ, T. J. Looney, 1 N. Belfast Ave., Augusta, Me.

MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT YOU HAVE

The children lived in a little cabin home, and all three of them—Neil, Rob and Lizzie—were taking a gay make-believe ride on an old log.

A gentleman who was passing down the road stopped and said: "Good morning, little folks. That is rather slow riding. Wouldn't you like a horse and carriage?"

"Yes, sir," said Robbie, "but we haven't any, and so we are getting the most fun we can out of what we do have."

Was not that a wise answer? How much pleasanter this world would be if all the little people and big ones, too, would stop fretting about what they cannot get and make the best of what they have.—American Messenger.

DEATH NOTICES

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR MOTHER, MRS. LORENA COTTON

Mrs. Lorena Cotton was born June 16, 1855 and died Aug. 10, 1933, age 78 years, 1 month, 25 days. She was a faithful member and one of the oldest ministers in the Church of God.

She was saved at the age of ten years. In later years she was sanctified while a member of the Southern Methodist church. Soon after the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in Los Angeles, Calif. she was baptized with the Holy Ghost, 1907 and later became a member of the Church of God in which she labored faithfully as an evangelist as long as she was able. She lived a happy, victorious Christian life and was always ready to help and encourage others along the way.

The last year of her life was one of much suffering which she bore with patience and at times would rejoice and praise the Lord. A few days before she passed away she seemed real happy and said, "Tell all my children, in-laws, grandchildren, and sisters to meet me in heaven, I am going to heaven."

We sorrow not as those who have no hope for we know our precious mother is safe and happy with her Lord whom she served so faithfully. Her battles and sufferings are all over and the victory won, and if we are faithful we shall soon meet her again to ever be with the Lord.

She leaves to mourn their loss four children, three daughters, one son (the oldest son having preceded her to heaven), six grandchildren, five great grandchildren, three sisters and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, pastor of the Church of God at Greenville, S. C., and Rev. T. A. Melton, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at Marion, N. C. Interment was made in Springwood cemetery, Greenville, S. C.—Her daughter, Mrs. E. Haynes, 1309 Parsons Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

ACROSTIC

Long years have gone since first we met
Our Sister Lorena Cotton;
Registered today upon my heart
Each kindly act, nor will ever be forgotten.

No one but God did see "that hand" that
sent a message
Across the many miles of land and miles
of briny water,
Comforting many a weary heart,
Oh yes, of many a cast-down daughter.

The Church of God has lost a friend!
The children have lost a Mother!
Our loss is Heaven's gain, dear ones,
Now let us strengthen one another.

Soon our parting will be over,
Soon we'll cross the swelling tide,
Soon we'll clasp her hand in Heaven,

There with Jesus to abide.—One who loved her, Clara Mullikin, Baltimore, Md.

HEATH

Sister S. J. Heath passed away at Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 15, 1933. An obituary will appear later.

GILL

Sister Mittie Gill was born Dec. 20, 1884 and died July 29, 1933. She had salvation and was a member of the Church of God. Funeral service was conducted by Brother J. R. Smith, assisted by Brother G. N. May. Interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.—Mrs. Ethel Watkins, Carthage, Miss.

JAMES

Sister Ella Ivey James passed away about two weeks ago. She died talking in tongues. Brother William Roberson and Brother Knighton assisted the writer in preaching the funeral. Interment in Fellowship cemetery.—J. H. Quinnelly, Cohay, Miss.

MANN

Sister Lerah Velma Mann died Aug. 18, 1933 at the age of twenty-four years, eleven months and five days. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Walter Rampy and Brother Meadows, her pastor.—Thelma Rampy.

SULLENS

Brother James Buck Sullens died Aug. 29, 1933 at the age of seventy-six years. He lived a good Christian life. Funeral was conducted by the writer, interment in a little cemetery near his home.—T. A. Richard, McMinnville, Tenn.

ALLEN

Martha Allen, wife of James Allen, died Aug. 7, 1933. She was saved and sanctified and a member of the Church of God at Jamboree, Ky.—Jesse Sutherland, Nigh, Ky.

GOD HAS GIVEN WONDERFUL VICTORIES

WILCOE, W. Va.—Today I feel somewhat impressed to sound a note of praise in honor of our dear Redeemer for the wonderful way He has been blessing us in our meetings in and around Wilcoe, W. Va. lately. Although the enemy has worked very hard to hinder the progress of the work at Wilcoe, the allwise God has given us some wonderful victories. Brother G. W. Helmick came by in April and preached for us about three weeks in which time there were about ten converted, and nine added to the church.

Since that time a number of us visited a home where they are keeping a fourteen year old girl who was badly afflicted and hadn't walked any for three years. She had something like side pleurisy and her side discharged continually. The sister that was keeping her said that it had been costing the county about three to four dollars per month to dress her side,

but praise the dear Lord, when we humbled ourselves before Him in prayer the work was done for which we give Him all the praise. Her side hasn't needed dressing since that time and it is perfectly well.

She had one crooked limb and hadn't been able to walk at all for three years until this time, but praise God, she is now able to get about on her crutches. Please pray that the dear Lord will completely straighten her limbs that she may be made every whit whole. The first Sunday we prayed for her the dear Lord saved her.

We now have a wonderful Sunday School at Wilcoe and services are good. We are expecting to begin a revival at this place again soon. Please pray that the Lord will give us souls for our hire at this place.—Your humble servant, A. J. Cox, pastor.

READY FOR THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

PARROTTSVILLE, Tenn.—I am glad I still have the victory in my soul. Praise the Lord. I am glad we are serving a prayer-answering God, one that will hear and answer prayer. I have been praying for the Lord to send a preacher here to preach the full gospel, and He has sent Brother S. M. Jones here. He has been here one week.

Everybody pray for us here, that the Lord will give us a great revival and that many souls will come thru to God. Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready to go to the Marriage Supper. O that will be wonderful. Pray for me that I will stand true and and be just what God would have me be.—Etta Blazer, Rt. 2.

HARD-HEARTED SINNERS WON

Hallelujah! I feel more like shouting this morning than writing. We closed a two weeks' revival here at Jacksonville, Ala. last night with the altar full of seekers and saints and sinners begging for it to continue, but the Lord saw fit to call the workers to another field. Only eternity will reveal the good accomplished. There were ten or twelve saved, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church and the saints were revived and on fire for God with more zeal and courage than for many years.

Sister Eva Bethany did the preaching with Sister Vivian Adams of Adamsville, Ala. at the piano. This is a hard place but Sisters Eva and Vivian, thru fasting and prayer, love and lots of wisdom, the kind that comes down from above, won hard hearts where various preachers have failed. Eva is just a young girl but any one needing help will make no mistake in calling her. She is wholly given up to the work of the Lord. The hardest hearted sinners bade her goodbye with tears.

We have a good faithful pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Prince. May the dear Lord reward them for their untiring efforts here this year. — Mrs. J. M. Jones, 810 Gadsden Rd., Jacksonville, Ala.

~*~ Sunday School Lesson ~*~

Lesson 1—October 1 SAUL IN TARSUS

Text: Acts 21:39, 22:3, 27, 28; 26:4-7;
Phil. 3:3-6

MEMORY VERSE: Phil. 3:3.

TIME: The period of Saul's life up to the time of his conversion was from about A.D. 3 or 4 to 34.

PLACE: Tarsus, Jerusalem, Philippians was written from Rome.

GOLDEN TEXT: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—2 Tim. 2:15.

LEADING THOUGHT: Early training is one of the most necessary things in fitting us for the service of the Lord.

SAUL IN TARSUS

Acts 21:39; 22:3, 27, 28; 26:4-7; Phil. 3:3-6

TRAINING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Acts 21:39

PAUL THE JEW

V. 39. "But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew." It will be remembered that Paul was the apostle of the Gentiles. Though a Jew, and as such, he does not fear to declare neither his nationality nor the place of his residence. "Of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia." Cilicia was the Roman province at the northeast corner of the Mediterranean, the western half of the province of Syria. Tarsus was therefore the chief city and capital of Cilicia. "A citizen of no mean city." "Tarsus merited this encomium. She owed much to her natural situation, standing as she did on a fair plain, bounded northward by the long range of Tarsus, and eastward by the ridge of Amanus. This spacious champaign was blessed with luxuriant fertility. Across it flowed the river Cydnus, which, issuing from the Tarsus and pouring its rapid tide through a deep gorge, emerged close to the city and passed through her midst. Since Tarsus was only three-quarters of a mile from the sea, the course of the Cydnus was very short; yet its stream was navigable, as was proved on one memorable occasion when it floated the gorgeous galley of Cleopatra on her coming from Egypt to Antony's camp in Cilicia. Paul's statement as being the truth. Those its waters, cold from the heart of the mountain, were accounted efficacious for the relief of swellings of the joints and gouty afflictions in both men and cattle. At the beginning of the Christian era Tarsus was the world's principal seat of learning. 'So deeply,' writes the geographer Strabo, 'are the people there imbued with zeal for philosophy that they have surpassed Athens and Alexandria and every other place that can be mentioned.' And she possessed this proud distinction which Alexandria alone shared—that her servants were all natives. Students flocked to her schools from other lands, but she had no need of alien teachers. On the contrary, she had no room for the multitude of her learned sons, and she sent them abroad to enlighten the world."—Prof. David Smith. "And, I beseech thee, suffer

me to speak unto the people." Though it is stated that he made this address from the stairway, his zeal for Christ did not permit him to lose a single opportunity to speak for Him.

Acts 22:3

V. 3. "I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia." Paul was born, perhaps, A.D. 1, he would therefore be about five years younger than Christ Himself. His parents were of the tribe of Benjamin. "Yet brought up in this city." It would seem that his parents had moved from Cilicia to Jerusalem perhaps for the purpose of giving Saul a higher education. Despite the fact that he was a Pharisee in later years, in the light of Gal. 1:15, we are to think of him as dedicated unto the service of the Lord from youth. "At the feet of Gamaliel." The custom was that the scholar would sit or stand humbly beneath the raised seat of the teacher, Luke 10:39. "And taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers." In Gal. 1:14 we learn from Paul himself, "I profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers." Thus we would find that he not only observed the law, but also the traditions of the Pharisees. "And was zealous toward God, as ye are all this day." He was on this occasion addressing a mob of Jewish zealots who had accused him of profaning the temple. One has but to remember how he had persecuted the saints to know that this statement is correct.

Acts 22:27, 28

PAUL A ROMAN CITIZEN

V. 27. "Then the chief captain came." The colonel of the regiment. "And said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman?" The mob had become angered by the apostle's promises made to the twelve tribes all the mention of his work among the Gentiles which had necessitated that the Roman soldiers take charge of Paul in order to save his life, who after learning that he was a Roman did so with great care. "He am accused of the Jews." The captain readily accepted that this hope, however misdirected, was the hope of every Israelite, and the apostle lays stress upon the strange fact that Jews should thus persecute one who identified himself with their deepest and most enduring hopes."—Prof. R. J. Knowling.

V. 28. "And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom." The assumption is that a great sum of money had been spent to purchase his citizenship. The Roman emperor allowed certain favorites to sell Roman citizenship for the purpose of enriching themselves. "And Paul said, But I was free born." It will be remembered that Tarsus was a free city which made its own laws, and did not make Paul a Roman citizen and just how he became one is not known. It is conjectured that some of Paul's ancestors had been made Roman citizens because of the distinguished service rendered to the empire.

Acts 26:4-7

PAUL THE PHARISEE AND PAUL THE CHRISTIAN

V. 4. "My manner of life from my youth," which was according to the law of the Pharisees, and from Phil. 3:5, 6 we learn that Paul was circumcised the eighth day, that he was of the tribe of Benjamin, and as touching the law a Pharisee. "Which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews." "As a student brought up at the feet of Gamaliel." He refers to a known life among his own countrymen which was spent at Jerusalem concerning which no stronger appeal could be made.

V. 5. "Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify." His own countrymen could have cleared him of the charges they had laid against him. "That after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee." The word Pharisee probably means separated. Thus they were a kind of Puritans in their day. Paul does not deny that he is a Pharisee. They adhered very strictly to certain of the Jewish ceremonial laws and Sabbath teachings. They bitterly opposed Christ because He disregarded their external religion and preached inward holiness.

V. 6. "And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers." He stood a convict in chains. "Because I entertain the hope that the promise which God made to the patriarchs and to David shall be fulfilled to us. The 'promise' must be of the Messiah and His coming into the world as King. For this is what the twelve tribes were looking for. But this in St. Paul's view, embraced the doctrine of the resurrection, because that was God's assurance to the world (Acts 17:31) that He who was so raised up was to be the judge of quick and dead."—Prof. J. Rawson Lumby.

V. 7. "Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, the hope to come." He here embraces all those who have embraced all those promises made to the twelve tribes all the way back to Abraham, and asserts that they are waiting for the manifestation of the Messianic kingdom of Jesus Christ. "For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews." Agrippa knew that this hope, however misdirected, was the hope of every Israelite, and the apostle lays stress upon the strange fact that Jews should thus persecute one who identified himself with their deepest and most enduring hopes."—Prof. R. J. Knowling.

Phil. 3:3-6

TRUE CIRCUMCISION

V. 3. "For we are the circumcision." The apostle here identifies himself with the Gentiles, 1 Cor. 9:21, as being himself circumcised, not after the letter of the law but a circumcision of heart, Col. 2:11; 3:11; Gal. 5:6; 6:15. "Which worship God in the spirit." In the light of St. John 4:24; Eph. 5:18, 20 such is the only acceptable worship. "And rejoice in Christ Jesus." Christ is the source of all hope and the ultimate glory of every Christian, whereas the Jews gloried in their strict adherence to the law. "And have no confidence in the flesh." That is, not in cir-

cumcision or other legalistic rites.

V. 4. "Though I might also have confidence in the flesh." That is, having passed thru them he knew those outward ceremonies actually had no virtue. "If any man thinketh that he hath whereof in obedience to the law as taught by the Pharisees, Acts 23:6. He was a member of the strictest sect.

V. 5. "Circumcised the eighth day." When eight days old. Thus he neither was a proselyte nor a circumcised adult, but enjoyed circumcision of the covenant from his youth. "Of the stock of Israel." That is, his lineal descent was from Jacob the Israel of God." Of the tribe of Benjamin." Benjamin was the son of Jacob's favorite wife and as a tribe furnished Israel's first king whose name Saul himself also bore.

"A Hebrew of the Hebrews." That is, his lineal descent had not been mixed with Gentile blood. He knew the Hebrew scriptures, Acts 21:40. "As touching the law a Pharisee." That is, his former custom was in obedience to the law as taught by the Pharisees, Acts 23:6. He was a member of the strictest sect.

V. 6. "Concerning zeal, persecuting the church." He was not only a zealous Pharisee but was also energetic in carrying out the principles of his sect, by extensively persecuting the Christians who they thought to be heretics. "Touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." So far as having violated the principles of law as taught by the Pharisees he had fully obeyed them, nevertheless he found them weak and unprofitable, Rom. 7:24, which necessitated a choice in Christ as Savior.

KANSAS - MISSOURI CONVENTION

The Kansas — Missouri convention convened at Cantwell, Mo. Aug. 17-23. At 7:00 p. m., we had song service by choir, prayer by the General Overseer, S. W. Latimer, welcome address by Brother G. P. Gower and responses by Stella Lowe, L. W. Lane, R. E. Worley, G. F. Clark and Art Dodson. The Holy Ghost blessed in a great way and every one felt welcome. We had specials by the South Carolina quartet which all enjoyed.

Friday, Aug. 18, services opened with song service and Scripture lesson read by Brother W. J. Milligan. We had prayer and special music by the S. C. quartet, after which we had an address by D. K. Murphy of Joplin, Mo. on "How Are the Dead Raised?" We had a message by Brother Latimer on "Sanctification." Brother C. L. Barker of St. Joseph, Mo. preached on "One Genuine Bride and many Counterfeits," followed by a message on "Loyalty" by F. L. Bird. The evening service opened with song and prayer. We had specials by the S. C. quartet and Brothers J. H. Walker and Charles Griffard. The Spirit came down wonderfully and blessed. We had a message by the General Overseer. The message was closed with the approval of the Holy Ghost and the altar was filled with seekers.

Saturday morning, Aug. 19, service opened with songs and prayer. The power came down in a mighty way and the entire convention was blessed. We had a message by Brother J. H. Walker on "The Preacher and His Support." Brother S. W. Latimer brought us a message on "Coworkers with Him." In the afternoon service we had special numbers by the Illinois quartet. Bro. J. M. Foshee bro't us a message on "We Ought to Obey God." Another message was given on "The Lord Made all He Did Prosper." At the evening service we had special songs by different quartets, and prayer, followed by a message by J. H. Walker on "Signs of the Coming of Christ." Brother Latimer followed with a message on "The

Manner of His Coming." The altar was filled with hungry seekers.

Sunday, Aug. 20, we opened service with songs and prayer. An offering for foreign missions was taken. After some special songs Brother Walker gave us a talk on "Why Maintain a Bible School?" A message followed by Brother Latimer on "The Value of Church Government." Eleven were received into the church. The Lord wonderfully blessed and put His approval on the message. In the afternoon after the devotional service we had the call of the churches by districts which were Big Island district, Joplin district, Leadwood and Bonne Terre, Mo. district and Ruggely, St. Louis, Potosi, Mo. In the evening service we had a praise service. The Lord blessed. An offering for the orphans was taken. We had a message by Brother Latimer on "The Crisis of Nations." The service closed with handshakes and goodbyes.

We feel this convention was more than a success and we certainly believe it was the greatest we have ever had in these two states. While there might not have been as great a number of delegates as there has been in the past, there was the greatest godly love we have ever seen before. We had visitors from other states—South Carolina, Tennessee, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and probably others we failed to mention. We certainly thank the Lord for blessing us with the S. C. quartet, the Benton quartet and Brother J. H. Walker with his faithful help in our singing and for all the extra music. We invite them all back again. If you folks who didn't attend this convention want to get a blessing, come to our convention next year. Eternity only will reveal the good of this convention. We thank the Lord for our good sisters who labored so faithfully in preparing the eats for the delegates and Brother G. P. Gower who worked so faithful on this committee and for the cooperation of all the church folks and friends in responding to the freewill offering of the eats. — Julia Bohannon, Leadwood, Mo.

TWELVE SYMPTOMS OF A DECLINING STATE

WHEN you grow bolder with sin, or with temptations to sin, than you were in your more watchful state—then be sure there is something wrong.

WHEN you make a small matter of those sins and infirmities that once seemed grievous to you and almost intolerable.

WHEN you settle down to a course of religion that gives you but little labor, and leaves out the hard and costly part.

WHEN your God and Savior grows a little straight to you, and your religion consists in conversing with men and their books and not with God and His Book.

WHEN you delight more in hearing and talking, than in secret prayer and the Word.

WHEN you use the means of grace more as a matter of duty, than as food on which your soul delights.

WHEN you regard too much the eye of man, and too little the eye of God.

WHEN you grow hot and eager about some disputed point, or in forwarding the interests of some party of Christians, more than about those matters which concern the great cause of Christ.

WHEN you grow harsh and bitter towards those who differ with you instead of feeling tenderly towards all who love Christ.

WHEN you make light of preparing for the Lord's Day, and the Lord's Table.

WHEN the hopes of heaven and the love of God do not interest you, but you are thirsting after some worldly enjoyment and grow eager for it.

WHEN the world grows sweeter to you and death and eternity are distasteful subjects.

SALVATION BRINGS JOY AND PEACE

DETROIT, Mich.—I truly praise God for joy and peace in my soul, something this world cannot give and cannot take away. Just two years ago was when I first knew the love of Jesus and knew that He could really give joy and peace to a lost sinner, I belonged to a church and still went to worldly places, and I did not think any one could ever live in this world without sinning every day as our pastor told us we could not, but I thank and praise God deep down in my heart just now for the dear Church of God and her teachings, glory to God!

Truly I praise God for John 3:9, "Who-soever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God." I am saved, sanctified and have the sweet Holy Ghost, belong to the great Church of God and feel that Jesus is coming soon. I want all who read this to pray for me to be faithful, and pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost. Please pray for our church here in Detroit, that God will send us a wonderful revival, and lost souls will get ready to meet Jesus.—Mrs. J. D. Holcomb, 2249 Hudson St.

NORTH MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The North Michigan District Convention convened at N. Woodville, Aug. 12-13.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear and long before the appointed time the delegates began to arrive. At 10:00 a. m. it opened with song, praise and prayer, the presence of the Lord being manifested from the beginning. Brother Earl Paulk State Overseer of Michigan, was in charge and he surely knows how to handle a convention. We are truly thankful for the men of God that we have had for overseers, both past and present. Brother M. L. Lowe, pastor of the local church, gave the address of welcome. I'm sure we all felt welcome as the heavenly atmosphere settled down on His people. The response was by the writer, this was followed by song, praise, and shouts of victory. Entertainment was furnished free by the good folks of North Woodville and community, their hospitality will long be remembered.

At 2:00 p. m. service again opened with song and prayer. Brother Carl Cook, pastor of the Pontiac church, delivered a wonderful message under the mighty power of God, on "The Sanctified Life." This was a message of instructions to the saints and truly we were made to feel the need of learning how "to be quiet" and know how "to possess our vessel in sanctification and honor."

The evening service began at 6:00 p. m. The Y. P. E. with Brother M. L. Lowe in charge, gave a very interesting program which was enjoyed by all. Surely God is blessing the Y. P. E. in Mich'gan. Brother J. L. Underwood, pastor of the Flint church, followed, subject, "The Gospel." The Word went forth with power by the anointing of the Holy Ghost. While the saints praised God for "The Gospel," sinners were made to feel their need of "The Gospel" and fell in the altar crying and praying.

Sunday morning service began at 10:00 a. m. with song and prayer. Brother Carl Cook, Brother Barnard, and the writer each gave a brief talk on "The Importance of Sunday School," after which Brother Earl Paulk spoke on missions and an offering of \$15.00 was taken for this worthy cause.

Brother Paulk then delivered a stirring message on "God's Financial Plan," using Mal. 3 for a scripture lesson. He surely preached with power and by many scriptures proved God had a financial plan before the Law, and still has one. God put His approval on this message and saints cried, shouted, and danced as the shower of blessings settled down on them. Truly it is a blessed privilege to follow God's financial plan.

Sunday afternoon service opened with song and prayer followed by a testimony service conducted by Brother Arthur Anderson. This was a time of rejoicing, as the saints praised their Redeemer for His goodness to them. It is wonderful what God can do for those who follow and obey Him. Brother Herbert Maguire, pas-

tor of the Grand Ledge church, followed with a most helpful message, theme, "Plumbline." This was a message of general instructions to the Church and God set His approval on it as the saints were made to feel the need of measuring to the plumbline and thereby living up to the teachings of the Church.

Sunday evening service began at 7:00 p. m. with songs and prayer. Brother M. L. Lowe, the pastor delivered a message on "Building a House in the Name of the Lord." Surely if any one knows how to build a house in the name of the Lord it's Brother Lowe. This message was owned and blessed of God, after which an offering was taken that paid off the balance of indebtedness on their new church. This was the result of Brother Lowe's untiring efforts and the cooperation of the people of the church and community. As the congregation stood and waves of glory swept over, we dedicated it to the Lord, after which Brother Paulk gave a forceful, interesting and beneficial message on "The Church of God." The message was not only sound doctrine and needful but was greatly enjoyed.

We were favored with special music and singing from the different churches as well as their home talent. We give God the glory and honor for this convention and the hearts that were made glad. We said good-bye feeling we were better equipped to fight on, press on, live on, and one day gather where parting will be no more.—Your humble servant, Ruth E. Justine, 7114 Yinger St., E. Dearborn, Michigan.

GOD WORKED IN A WONDERFUL WAY

CHAPMAN, Ala.—I am giving a report of one of the best revivals I have ever conducted not that there were so many in number who got the blessing, but for the wonderful way God worked. The meeting closed Friday night with six saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and a new church set in order with thirteen members. This is the second church I have set in order

down here lately. We need workers in this part of the state badly, if you feel like living by faith come on down, we can give you plenty to do. This church is at Pigeon Creek, Ala.

I am telling this for the glory of God—not to receive any honor myself. A sister had been praying for the Holy Ghost for a long time, having been a holiness for years and having a shouting experience. She was at the altar but it seemed she could not go thru. God led me to lay my hands on her head and pray for her to receive the Holy Ghost. No sooner had I done so than God gave her the sweet Holy Ghost, praise His dear name.

Another brother in this same meeting was very sick with a cold and severe headache insomuch that he could not work, but he came to meeting anyway to be prayed for. I came in before service and not knowing he was even sick began to shake hands with everybody. When I came to him (not knowing he was sick) and shook his hand, he was instantly healed and he didn't fail to witness to it. I hope this will increase some one's faith. —I am yours in Christ, Luther J. Corley.

A LITTLE WORKER FOR THE LORD

BOGALUSA, La.—Dear Evangelists readers, I am so glad that the Lord has saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. I am glad I gave my life to God while I was young so I can give my best service to the Lord.

I am just a little boy seven years old. The seventeenth of this month I will have had the Holy Ghost one year. I have exhorters papers and I am doing by best to give the world the gospel. Some day I want to be so I can go into all the world and preach the gospel. The Lord blesses me so much.

My little sister is nine years old. She has the Holy Ghost too. I can play a banjo and a guitar so we practice and sing songs. Everybody pray that I will be a soul winner for Jesus.—Your brother in Christ, Beasley Sharp.

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

TENNESSEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On Sunday morning, Sept 10, at ten-thirty o'clock our second state Sunday School convention convened at the Church of God in East Chattanooga.

We felt that the Lord was there and that the convention was a success and enjoyed by all. The attendance was good, around 450 being present. We were favored with good music by the Cleveland and East Chattanooga bands and with a good many quartets, duets, and solos. One of the Sunday School classes from Cleveland gave a short but interesting little play that brought out a good thought in favor of Sunday School. Besides all this there were several talks along different lines of Sunday School work, one being given by Brother Latimer, General Overseer. Many good things were said that will be of great benefit to those who heard, I am sure. A nice offering was taken for the orphanage.

In the afternoon the different districts reported, then our State Sunday School Superintendent, Brother F. M. Waldron, gave a summary report of the Sunday Schools in the State. He estimated from the reports he had received that an average of around 3,000 had attended Sunday School in Tennessee this year. We believe that the Sunday School interest is growing and after the boost given this work at the convention we will have many more to report in Sunday School next year.—Irene Wales.

HIS WILL BE DONE

I am still praising the Lord for what He is to me. Praise God! I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. I thank the Lord for his healing power. I trust him with both soul and body. I am in the Church of God and I mean to be true to her. I am glad that God let me come this way, praise the Lord! He led me right to the Church of God. I was in two other churches and I wasn't satisfied either. Glory—I am now! A few months ago it seemed like God just showed me the Church of God plainer than I ever knew. Oh glory, I wouldn't be disloyal to her for anything. She stands for the whole Bible rightly divided, praise God, it just suits me. I am looking for Jesus to come soon. I want to get closer to God.

The devil is busy. He is trying to make me backslide but say, Jesus will help us to overcome. O, how I love Him! Sinners, won't you accept Him now? He is ready to take you in. He is knocking, knocking, open your heart and let Him in. Saints, pray for me. I never have been to the Assembly and oh, how I want to go. Pray for me that God will open a way for me to go. I want to attend the B.T.S. this fall. I believe God will let me go. His will be done. Praise His name.—Your humble brother in Christ, Stanley Prescott, Rt. 1, Box 259, Marion, Ark.

ALL NEEDS SUPPLIED

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

1. I shall not want food. I am the bread of life. He that cometh unto me shall never hunger.

2. I shall not want drink. If any man thirsteth let him come unto me and drink.

3. I shall not want rest. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

4. I shall not want guidance. I am the way, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

5. I shall not want companionship. I have called you friends so I am with you always.

6. I shall not want joy. These things have I spoken to you that your joy might be full.

7. I shall not want honor. If any man serve me him will my Father honor.

8. I shall not want comfort. Let not your heart be troubled He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.

9. I shall not want any good thing. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." If you ask any thing in my name I will do it.

10. I shall not want life. I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.

11. I shall not want power over death.

Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

12. I shall not want life eternal. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also.

Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself.

Perhaps when we get to this place God will answer our prayers. Have we met the conditions to have our prayers answered.

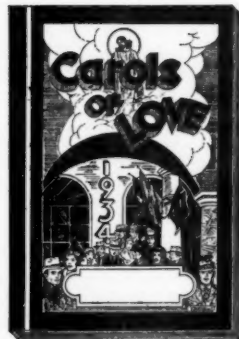
BE SHORT

Long visits, long stories, long essays, long exhortations, and long prayers seldom profit those who have to do with them. Life is short. Time is short. Moments are precious. Learn to condense, abridge and intensify. We can bear things that are dull if they are only short. We can bear many an ache or ill if it is soon over; while even pleasure grows insipid, and pain intolerable, if they are protracted beyond the limits of reason and convenience. Learn to be short. Lop off branches; stick to the main facts in the case. If you pray ask for what you believe you will receive, and get through; if you speak tell your message and hold your peace; if you write, boil down two sentences into one, and three words into two. Always avoid lengthiness.—Learn to be short.—Selected.

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TRULY GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE HIS WORKS

On the eighteenth of March the Church of God at Homerville, Ga. began a revival with Brother Martin Baldree, his wife, and Sister Tendle of Plant City, Fla. in charge and Sister Mary Mitchell of Pineview, Ga. at the piano. God worked in a wonderful way. Sister Mary, Brother and Sister Baldree and Sister Tendle rendered excellent music. This band of workers was here three weeks. During this time there were several saved, some sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Baldree and family had to leave us, but Sister Mary continued for another week working faithfully at the piano and in the altar service. During this time our pastor continued the meeting and did the preaching except three nights that Brother R. P. Johnson, overseer, filled the place. He is an able minister. People were convinced that the doctrine of holiness is right.

Then the meeting came to a close for the district meeting at Waycross and to say it was a success would be putting it mild. The pastor, Brother Mills, went right back into the meeting again on Monday night, April 17th, and continued until the South Georgia ministers' conference at Alma, Ga. He closed out one night for this meeting. After this Brother Mills secured the help of Brother James Cross and Brother Lewis Waters and wife and they continued the meeting for two more weeks. The Lord surely did bless during this time. The meeting came to a close with an all day service. We had dinner and baptismal service in the afternoon in the presence of an unusually large crowd of people. There were twenty-five who followed the Lord in water baptism.

We surely enjoyed having every one who came and helped us during the meeting. We thank the dear Lord for moving on Brother F. C. Warman's heart to let us have his tent for the meeting. Had it not been for the tent we would not have been able to do what has been done.

I shall never forget the interest that our pastor has shown in this place. He began coming to our place after the Assembly and having services from house to house as best he could. But he worked hard and against opposition to get us a church house built. We now have the house framed. We had it framed one time before but it was blown down in a wind storm. Brother Mills got some help and had it put back up in three days ready for the siding and top. We have a nice band of young people here. We appreciate them very much. There have been about twenty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost here this year altogether. Pray much for us and for our pastor. He is surely being tried. Pray for one who loves His cause.—Lou Mae Bronson, Homerville, Ga.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him.—Ps. 37:7.

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